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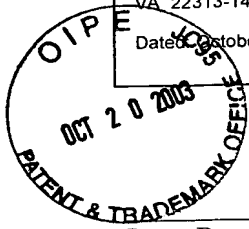
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For: INTERCALATES AND EXFOLIATES  
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OF EXTRACTABLE MATERIAL

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.